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Chief, Contact Division [REDACTED] ←

H New Case [REDACTED] A

Request for Samples of "Sleepy Grass" (Stipa Vaseyi), and Information Concerning its Hypnotic and Narcotic Effects.

1. This case has developed as a result of the continuing strong interest in various aspects of unconventional warfare and the possible uses of such psychogenic agents as LSD 25, mescaline, mescaline, and mescaline. There has been increasing evidence of extensive Soviet research in this field which makes imperative [REDACTED] continued efforts to obtain all information possible on new and strange hypnotic and narcotic agents.

2. If possible please obtain about twenty-five pounds of carefully dried "Sleepy Grass" (Stipa Vaseyi) and up to one pound of the seeds of this plant. While this grass occurs in the northern part of New Mexico, near Las Vegas, Taos, and Chama, the reports of its narcotic properties are confined to the general region of the Sacramento and Sierra Blanca Mountains in southern New Mexico. It is also known to grow in Mongolia. This plant has a hypnotic and narcotic action which affects animals, especially horses, and causes a profound sleep, but seldom causes death.

3. It is suggested that the requirements on this case may be filled by contacting staff members of the [REDACTED] or their successors, may be helpful. [REDACTED] H

4. In addition to obtaining samples of the seeds and grass [REDACTED] is interested in any research work which may have been done, especially concerning the nature of the active agent. Suggestions as to knowledgeable scientists who might be interested in studying the hypnotic and narcotic effects of Stipa Vaseyi would also be appreciated. The primary information now available is contained in U. S. Department of Agriculture Technical Bulletin No. 114 published in June 1929. ←

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